

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 8-11 and 13-16 are pending in the present application, with claims 8 and 13 being independent.

Claims 8-11 and 13-16 have been allowed.

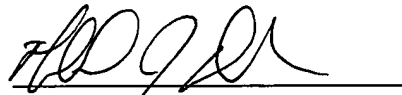
In the outstanding Office Action, claim 9 was objected to because of an informality.

By this Amendment, claim 9 has been amended to obviate the objection. In addition, amendments have been made to the specification to correct inadvertent grammatical and syntactical errors, thereby improving the specification's form. Support for the amendments can be found in the application, as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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